

**CHAPTER NO. 7**

**SENATE BILL NO. 15**

**By Womack**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 9

By Phillips

AN ACT To designate a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in Bedford County as the "Colonel Clyde H. Wherley Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who, during their lifetimes, contributed immeasurably to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Clyde H. Wherley of the Rich Valley community of Bedford County was most assuredly one such remarkable public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens and their progeny; and

WHEREAS, A long-time resident of Bedford County, Colonel Wherley passed from this life to a far better existence on February 17, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Clyde H. Wherley had proudly served his country as a veteran of the U.S. Army, having attained the rank of Colonel before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, The very epitome of the concerned citizen and good neighbor, Colonel Wherley was always eager to lend a helping hand and sympathetic ear to those people to whom life had been unkind; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wherley was as honest as the day is long and was widely respected and revered as a friend, neighbor and community leader; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Col. Wherley served the children of Bedford County with the greatest acumen, dedication and diligence as a teacher with the Bedford County School System; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable gentleman also enjoyed a long and productive tenure as a member of the Bedford County Commission; and

WHEREAS, As a Bedford County Commissioner, Col. Wherley served his constituents and the county as a whole with probity, integrity and uncommon ability, and his distinguished tenure as a public servant truly exemplifies the venerable concept of government by the people and for the people; and

WHEREAS, Col. Wherley's passing creates a void that will not be soon filled, as he was both an exceptional public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, The Bedford County Commission has requested that a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 231 be named to honor Col. Wherley's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge located on U.S. Highway 231 South at such route's intersection with Robinson Road in the Rich Valley community in Bedford County is hereby designated as the "Colonel Clyde H. Wherley Memorial Bridge" to commemorate this worthy gentleman's numerous valuable contributions to his beloved Bedford County and to effective public service and good government as a whole.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Colonel Clyde H. Wherley Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: February 25, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 11th day of March 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR